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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

##### District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 2012:**

Section 1-F: **will be open** south of a line that begins at the southernmost tip of Cone Point located at 55°14.45' N. latitude, 131°18.90' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point **to Point Davison Light then due west to the District 2 boundary**, with the following restriction:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point.

##### District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 2012:**

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moir Sound: all waters will be closed.

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Monday, July 9, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2012:**

District 2: will be open north of 54°47.10' N. latitude (located approximately one-half nautical miles south of McLean Point Light) and south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moir Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 2012:**

District 4: **will be open.**

District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 2012:**

Section 7-A: **will be open** south of the latitude of Point Warde.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 2012:**

District 10: **will be open** with the following restrictions:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be closed within three nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline;

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 2012:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: **will be open** within one-half nautical mile from the Chichagof Island shoreline south of 58°03.00' N. latitude and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.50' N. latitude (located one nautical mile south of Point Augusta Light);

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: **for the Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold.** Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Fishermen, tenders and processors operating in the Ketchikan area are asked to unload all purse seine vessels after fishing on Sunday, prior to continuing fishing in District 2 on Monday. Harvest information from this one day opening is crucial to evaluating the traditional Sunday fishery.

Hidden Falls Information: the NSRAA Board of Directors has requested that the Department of Revenue assess a 20% tax of the value of all chum salmon harvested in the waters described as Section 12-A south of 57°27.00' N. latitude, north of 57°01.00' N. latitude, and west of a line from 57°27.00' N. latitude, 134°45.50' W. longitude to 57°01.00' N. latitude, 134°41.50' W. longitude (Subsections 112-11, 112-21, and 112-22) from June 15 through July 31 as provided for under AS 16.10.455 and new regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue found at:

<http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/documentviewer/viewer.aspx?209s>.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, July 10, 2012**.

Copies of the "2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at:  
[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\\_managementplans](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans).

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S3512.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates							
Statistical Week 27							
Preliminary Estimates compiled July 6, 2012							
NUMBERS OF SALMON							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 2*	-	4,000	6,000	80,000	220,000	310,000	115
Hidden Falls THA	200	200	0	300	110,000	110,700	51
FISH PER BOAT							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 2*	-	35	52	696	1,913	2,696	
Hidden Falls THA	4	0	0	0	2,157	2,171	
*District 2 numbers are for Monday - Thursday; does not include Sunday.							
Anita Bay THA: 5,500 chums and 2,700 kings harvested to date.							
Deep Inlet THA: Insufficient harvest information.							
Kendrick Bay THA: 15,000 chums harvested to date.							

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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